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## Biden gets low ratings on economy in AP-NORC Poll

By AAMER MADHANI and EMILY SWANSON Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — As President Joe Biden embarks on his reelection campaign, just 33% of American adults say they approve of his handling of the economy and only 24% say national economic conditions are in good shape, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Public approval of Biden's handling of the economy remains low in a time of high inflation, a difficult housing market and concerns about a potential U.S. government debt default. American opinion is also gloomy about Biden's efforts on gun policy and immigration, with only 31% saying they approve of the president's performance on those hot button issues. Overall, 40% say they approve of the way Biden is doing his job, similar to where his approval rating has stood for much of the past year and a half.

Zoie Mosqueda, 24, who does not identify with any political party, said her family is ready to buy their first home but with the average mortgage interest rate hovering around 6.9%, that goal, at least for now, is out of reach.



President Joe Biden answers questions on the U.S. debt limits ahead of a bilateral meeting with Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Hiroshima, Japan, Saturday, May 20, 2023.

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The woman from West Texas said she also has been frustrated with Biden's handling of gun policy and said he's fallen short on his campaign promise to implement a fairer immigration policy.

A recent spate of mass shootings around the country, including this month's shooting at an Allen, Texas mall that left eight victims dead and seven others wounded, has left her wishing that Biden and lawmakers in Washington would do more to address the scourge of gun violence.

Even among Democrats, the poll finds only about half approve of his handling of immigration and gun policy.

"Everything feels a bit crazy right now in this economy," Mosqueda, a mother of two who works at a boutique and is looking to open her own business, said in explaining her disapproval of Biden's performance. "My older daughter is in school now, and I just worry that this lack of gun policy stuff could affect her."

Biden returned late Sunday from a visit to Hiroshima, Japan, for the annual G7 summit where the global economic impact of Russia's invasion in Ukraine was front-and-center.

The summit was shadowed by the Biden administration's negotiations with Republican lawmakers to raise the U.S. borrowing authority to prevent a default in early June that could have severe impact on the global economy. Before departing for Japan, Biden canceled scheduled stops in Papua New Guinea and Australia so he could return to the U.S. to focus on the debt limit talks.

"It would be a total catastrophe for the country if they don't agree to do something," said Bob Vought, a retired auto parts warehouse manager in St. Petersburg, Florida. He said he strongly disapproves of Biden's handling of the economy.

Vought, who lives on his So-



Iron workers construct the framework of a \$4 billion Panasonic EV battery plant Thursday, May 18, 2023, near DeSoto, Kan.

cial Security benefit, said inflation is taking a toll on his personal finances.

The Biden administration oversaw two of the bigger Social Security cost-of-living adjustment in recent decades, with a 5.9% increase that took effect in 2022 and 8.7% in 2023. But Vought said that's not enough to keep up with a rental increase at the trailer park where he lives with his father and the rising costs of food and other basic necessities.

Vought, an independent who typically votes Republican but voted for Biden in 2020, said he's also been frustrated by the "out of control" rise in illegal crossings by migrants at the U.S. southern border.

In the 2022 budget year, which ended in September, agents apprehended immigrants a record 2.38 million times at the southern border.

Coronavirus restrictions implemented under President Donald Trump, which were known as Title 42, allowed border officials to turn away migrants to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The

restrictions recently ended. While Title 42 was used to deny asylum more than 2.8 million times, it carried no legal consequences, which encouraged repeat attempts by migrants to enter the United States. Border Patrol agents returned to pre-pandemic immigration laws on May 11 that impose stiffer penalties on migrants who enter the U.S. without permission than the emergency health order did.

Despite his frustrations with Biden, Vought said he'd probably vote for the Democrat again if Trump wins the Republican nomination.

"I agree with about half of Trump's policies but I think the guy is a liar and is so arrogant," Vought said. "If those were the only two candidates ... I'd have to still vote Biden."

John Billman, 79, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, said Biden doesn't get enough credit for passage of the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill and \$280 billion CHIPS Act aimed at boosting the U.S. semiconductor history, or the historically low unemployment rate. The unem-

ployment rate stands at 3.4%.

Billman, who approves of Biden's performance, said he feels the political conversation has become even more toxic since the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

"Since January 6, there are so many that seem incredibly angry at the government, that think the government and Biden are only doing bad things," Billman said. "I mean an infrastructure bill? It's a bad thing? I have relatives who I respect and love and are intelligent people who say, 'I hate Biden.' I can understand disagreeing with him but how can you hate Biden? It's scary."

Biden underperforms on the economy even among Democrats: 61% approve of him on the issue, compared with 75% for his job overall. Democrats feel even more dour about the current condition of the nation's economy, though they continue to be more likely than Republicans to say the country is headed in the right direction (36% vs. 7%) or to rate the econ-

omy as good (41% vs. 7%). Some Democratic respondents who approve of the president's performance said they felt flummoxed by life in post-pandemic America and what often seems like a total abandonment of bipartisanship in Washington.

Karen D'Andrea, 64, a Democrat from Port Lucie, Florida, was among the millions of Americans who lost their jobs at the beginning of the pandemic. She was able to land a new job at a tech startup, but was recently laid off as that sector is going through some of the most significant cost cutting since the Great Recession.

"I think people with the same mindset as me feel our best days are behind us," said D'Andrea, who approves of Biden's performance but believes the country is moving in the wrong direction. "Republicans like to say they want to make America great again. I think things can be wonderful now, but we got to work together." □

Associated Press



## Air Force looks to better control access to classified data after intelligence leak

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Air Force said Monday it is looking at ways to better control access to classified information, in the wake of revelations that superiors of the Massachusetts Air National Guard member charged with leaking highly classified documents had raised concerns internally about his handling of sensitive data.

Secretary Frank Kendall told reporters that the Air Force needs to better enforce the rules that govern access to classified information based on whether someone with the correct security clearance also has a need to know the information.

"It's a long standing tenet that you don't get to look at something classified unless there's a legitimate reason for you to look at it," Kendall said. "Just because you happen to have a certain level of clearance doesn't mean you get access to all the material at that level. So we're taking a hard look at some practices around that." He said he doesn't think the service



Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall speaks during a Senate Armed Services budget hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, May 2, 2023.

enforced that rule strongly enough.

Justice Department lawyers last week said superiors voiced concerns on multiple occasions about Air Guard member Jack Teixeira's handling of highly classified information. They laid out the issue in court papers urging a magistrate judge to keep Teixeira behind bars while he awaits

trial in the case stemming from the most consequential intelligence leak in years.

Teixeira is accused of sharing highly classified documents about top national security issues in a chatroom on Discord, a social media platform that started as a hangout for gamers. He has not yet entered a plea.

As a result of the case, Kendall gave Air Force leaders 30 days to take a close look at their practices and determine if the department is prioritizing the need to get information about operations to those who need it and being careful enough about spreading intelligence too broadly. The inspector general is also investigating the matter.

He said there are ways to tweak digital systems so when classified information is put online not everyone with proper clearance on that system automatically gets access to it.

Prosecutors told the judge in their filing that Teixeira continued leaking documents even after he was admonished by superiors on two separate occasions last year over "concerning actions" he took related to classified information.

A September memo from the Air National Guard 102nd Intelligence Wing that prosecutors filed in court says Teixeira had been observed taking notes on classified intelligence information and putting the notes in his pocket. Teixeira was instructed at the time to no longer take notes in any form on classified intelligence information, the memo says.

Another memo from late October says a superior had been made aware that Teixeira was "potentially ignoring the cease-and-desist order on deep diving into intelligence information" given to him the month before. □

Associated Press

## 9th Circuit reverses judge's ruling as racist

By RIO YAMAT

Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — A federal appeals court has reversed an unprecedented ruling in Nevada that struck down a longstanding U.S. deportation law as racist and unconstitutional. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals said Monday in its long-awaited decision that Section 1326 of the Immigration and Nationality Act which makes it a crime to return to the U.S. after deportation, removal or denied entry "is facially neutral as to race."

The ruling is a blow for advocates who had hoped to see major changes to the

nation's immigration system after U.S. District Judge Miranda Du had thrown out an illegal reentry charge more than two years ago against a Mexican immigrant. Du said she dismissed the case on the grounds that Section 1326 of the Immigration and Nationality Act had violated Gustavo Carrillo-Lopez's constitutional rights and is discriminatory against Latinos. "We are deeply disappointed in the Ninth Circuit's decision to uphold Section 1326, a discriminatory law that continues to fuel the mass incarceration of Black and brown people, waste government resources, and

tear families apart," said Sirine Shebaya, executive director of the National Immigration Project.

An attorney for Gustavo Carrillo said she, too, was disappointed by the court's ruling but declined to say whether she plans on appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We intend to seek further review on this very important constitutional issue," Amy Cleary said in a statement to The Associated Press.

Du's ruling in August 2021 was the first of its kind since Congress made it a crime almost a century ago to return to the U.S. after depor-



In this photo provided by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, people who've been taken into custody related to cases of illegal entry into the U.S. rest in one of the cages at a facility in McAllen, Texas, on June 17, 2018.

Associated Press

tation under the Undesirable Aliens Act of 1929. The Justice Department quickly appealed and continued to pursue Section 1326 cases across the country, because Du's order did not include an injunction on the statute.

The U.S. government previously conceded that the 1929 law was based on racism but argued in December before a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit that later revisions like Section 1326 made it constitutional. □



# Michigan governor signs red flag gun law

By **JOEY CAPPELLETTI**

**Associated Press**

**ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP)** —

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer gave final approval Monday afternoon to a red flag law that aims to keep firearms away from those at risk of harming themselves or others as the state grapples with ways to slow gun violence in the wake of its second mass school shooting.

Michigan joined Minnesota as the second state in under a week to implement a red flag law after Democrats in both states won control of both chambers and the governor's office in November. New Mexico previously was the last state to pass a red flag law in 2020.

Whitmer signed the legislation just outside of Detroit, flanked by state lawmakers and individuals affected by gun violence. Former Arizona Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, who began campaigning for gun safety after she was shot in the head in 2011, was also in attendance.

"We have heard too many times from those who knew a mass shooter who had expressed concern in ad-



**Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signs legislation, Monday, May 22, 2023, in Royal Oak, Mich. Associated Press**

vance about that mass shooter's intentions," Whitmer said Monday. "With extreme risk protection orders, we have a mechanism to step in and save lives."

The new law, also known as extreme risk protection orders, is expected to go into effect next spring. It will allow family members, police, mental health professionals, roommates and former dating partners to petition a judge to remove

firearms from those they believe pose an imminent threat to themselves or others.

The judge would have 24 hours to decide on a protection order after a request is filed. If granted, the judge would then have 14 days to set a hearing during which the flagged person would have to prove they do not pose a significant risk. A standard order would last one year.

Michigan became the 21st state to implement a red flag law. Questions remain of whether the state will have better success in enforcing it than others have. An Associated Press analysis in September found that in the 19 states with red flag laws, firearms were removed from people 15,049 times since 2020, fewer than 10 per 100,000 adult residents. Some local sheriffs in Michigan have told

The Associated Press that they won't enforce the law if they don't believe it's constitutional. Over half of the state's counties have passed resolutions declaring themselves Second Amendment sanctuaries, opposing laws they believe infringe on gun rights.

"For those who are in law enforcement who refuse to enforce these important orders, let me say this loudly and clearly: I will make certain that I find someone with jurisdiction who will enforce these orders," Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel said at the bill signing.

The U.S. is on a record pace for mass shootings so far this year. Nearly half the states have passed legislation addressing guns or school safety this year, but the division among states continues to widen. Democratic-led states have enacted new laws to restrict semi-automatic weapons and expand background checks and waiting periods to buy guns. Republican-led states have backed the right to carry concealed guns without permits or for trained staff to bring guns to school. □

# Founder of student aid startup Frank pleads not guilty to fraud

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** —

With an indictment and a not-guilty plea, the fraud case against the founder of a student loan assistance startup company that J.P. Morgan Chase acquired for \$175 million two years ago took a step toward trial on Monday in a New York court.

Charlie Javice, 31, entered the plea through her lawyer to an indictment returned late last week in Manhattan federal court charging her with conspiracy, wire fraud and bank fraud.

The Miami Beach, Florida, resident who founded Frank appeared at a remote proceeding in which

her face and the faces of defense lawyers and prosecutors were projected onto a video screen before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gabriel Gorenstein. He



**Charlie Javice, of Miami Beach, Fla., leaves Manhattan federal court, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in New York, after signing a \$2-million bond to remain free on charges that she duped J.P. Morgan Chase with fake records to acquire Frank, her student loan assistance startup company, for \$175-million. Associated Press**

said her next appearance was scheduled for June 6 before a judge who would preside over a trial.

Javice, who is free on \$2 million bail, is charged with tricking JPMC into buying her company by producing data to make it seem like Frank had over 4.25 million customers when it had fewer than 300,000 clients. At the time of her early April arrest, authorities said she would have earned \$45 million from her fraud.

In early May, the deadline to bring an indictment against Javice was postponed as prosecutors filed a letter to say that the government wanted another 30 days to "engage in further discussions with counsel

about the disposition of this case." Although negotiations of this sort sometimes result in deals, the indictment was a signal that the case was now on the road to trial for a woman who had appeared on the Forbes 2019 "30 Under 30" list of young professionals whose impactful careers seemed to be on an upward trajectory worthy of admiration.

Her lawyer, Alex Spiro, may have reflected the acrimonious atmosphere reflected by the breakdown of talks and the arrival of the indictment late last week when he complained that prosecutors have not turned over any evidence in the case. □



# U.S. signs new security pact with Papua New Guinea

By NICK PERRY

Associated Press

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP) —

The United States signed a new security pact with Papua New Guinea on Monday as it competes with China for influence in the Pacific.

Papua New Guinea's location just north of Australia makes it strategically significant. It was the site of fierce battles during World War II, and with a population of nearly 10 million people, it's the most populous Pacific Island nation.

The State Department said the new agreement provides a framework to help improve security cooperation, enhance the capacity of Papua New Guinea's defense force and increase regional stability. The full agreement will be made public once politicians in both countries have an opportunity for input, likely in a couple of months.

"The work that we're doing together to try to shape the future could not be more important, could not be more timely," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken told reporters. "We're deeply invested in the Indo-Pacific because our planet's future is being written here. Papua New Guinea is playing a critical role in shaping that future."



In this image released by New Zealand Prime Minister's Office, New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins, second right, meets with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, fourth left, in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, Monday, May 22, 2023.

Papua New Guinea is playing a critical role in shaping that future." Papua New Guinea Prime Minister James Marape said the pact is mutually beneficial and "secures our national interests" in "becoming a robust economy in this part of the world." But the agreement sparked student protests in the second-largest city, Lae. And many in the Pacific are concerned about

the increasing militarization of the region.

Student Naomi Kipoi, 17, said she was opposed to the security pact because she felt it means the U.S. could come to her country whenever it pleased without permission. She said China had been a big help to her country by building roads and funding schools. "The U.S. didn't help us with aid and other things," Kipoi

said. "They're just trying to sign the agreement."

Last year, nearby Solomon Islands signed its own security pact with China, a move that raised alarm throughout the Pacific. The U.S. has increased its focus on the Pacific, opening embassies in Solomon Islands and Tonga, reviving Peace Corps volunteer efforts, and encouraging more business investment.

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But some have questioned how reliable a partner the U.S. is in the Pacific, particularly after President Joe Biden canceled his plans to make an historic stop in Papua New Guinea to sign the pact. Biden would have been the first sitting U.S. president to visit any Pacific Island country, but he ended up canceling to focus on the debt limit talks back at home. Blinken traveled in Biden's place, arriving in Papua New Guinea early Monday. In response to news of Blinken's impending visit, China warned against the introduction of "geopolitical games" into the region.

As well as the defense pact, the U.S. also signed a maritime agreement with Papua New Guinea which will allow the U.S. Coast Guard to partner with the Pacific nation to counter illegal fishing and drug smuggling. The U.S. visit coincided with a trip by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was hosting a meeting with Pacific Island leaders to discuss ways to better cooperate. Blinken met with New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins and said the two nations had a shared vision for the region. □

## New search for Madeleine McCann, Portuguese police confirm

LISBON (AP) — Portuguese police have said they will resume searching for Madeleine McCann, the British toddler who disappeared in the country's Algarve region in 2007, in the next few days.

Portugal's Judicial Police released a statement confirming local media reports that they would conduct the search at the request of the German authorities and in the presence of British officials.



Kate and Gerry McCann pose for the media with a missing poster depicting an age progression computer generated image of their still missing daughter Madeleine during a news conference in London, May 2, 2012.

Associated Press

Earlier on Monday, police were seen erecting tents and cordons in an area by the Arade dam, about 50 kilometers (31 miles) from Praia da Luz, where the 3-year-old was last seen alive.

British, Portuguese and German police are still piecing together what happened when the toddler disappeared from her bed in the southern Portuguese resort on May 3, 2007. She was in the same room as her 2-year-old twin brother and sister while her parents had dinner with friends at a nearby restaurant.

In mid-2020, Germany's police identified Christian Brueckner, a 45-year-old German citizen who was in the Algarve in 2007, as a suspect in the case. Brueckner has denied any involvement.

The suspect is under investigation on suspicion of murder in the McCann case but hasn't been charged. He spent many years in Portugal, including in Praia da Luz around the time of Madeleine's disappearance.

Prosecutors in the northern German city of Braunschweig in October have charged Brueckner in several separate cases involving sexual offenses allegedly committed in Portugal between 2000 and 2017. Braunschweig prosecutor Christian Wolter said Monday his office would release a statement about the case on Tuesday morning.

Madeleine's disappearance stirred worldwide interest, with public claims of having spotted her stretching as far away as Australia, along with a slew of books and television documentaries about the case.

Rewards for finding Madeleine reached several million dollars. □



## 3 Palestinian militants killed in Israeli West Bank raid

By LAURIE KELLMAN

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) —

Three Palestinian militants were killed in an Israeli army raid in a West Bank refugee camp early Monday, Palestinian officials said, while the Biden administration sharply condemned Israel's latest act of settlement expansion.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said the three men were killed during a raid in Balata, a refugee camp near the city of Nablus. Six people were wounded, including one who was in critical condition, the ministry said. The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a militant group with connections to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party, identified the men killed as its members.

The army confirmed the raid, saying troops came under fire and killed three Palestinians. Three others were arrested there, the army said.

Israel has stepped up raids over the past year in response to a spate of Palestinian attacks and said Monday's operations netted weapons and an explosives manufacturing op-



**Palestinian gunmen march during the funeral of three Palestinian militants, Abdullah Abu Hamdan, 24, Muhammad Zaytoun, 32, and Fathi Rizk, 30, in the Balata refugee camp near the West Bank town of Nablus Monday, May 22, 2023.**

Associated Press

eration in a home, which it detonated.

Meanwhile, the Biden administration issued a sharply worded statement on Sunday criticizing Israel for moving to reestablish a settlement at the formerly evacuated outpost of Homesh in northern West Bank.

In March, the Israeli government repealed a 2005 act

that dismantled four West Bank settlements. Over the weekend, the top Israeli army general in the West Bank signed an order attaching Homesh to a local settler regional council a move paving the way for reconstruction of the outpost.

State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said the U.S. was "deeply trou-

bled" by the announcement, and noted that Israel itself had determined the settlement was built illegally on private Palestinian land. Miller also expressed Washington's concerns about ultranationalist National Security Minister Itmar Ben-Gvir's visit Sunday to the Temple Mount, the holiest site in Judaism. The contested site is also home to the

Al-Aqsa Mosque, the third-holiest site in Islam.

"This holy space should not be used for political purposes, and we call on all parties to respect its sanctity," Miller said in the statement.

Under longstanding arrangements, Jews are permitted to visit the site, but not to pray there. But in recent years, a growing number of Jewish visitors have begun to quietly pray, raising fears among Palestinians that Israel is plotting to divide or take over the site. Ben-Gvir has long called for increased Jewish access.

Ben-Gvir visited the hilltop compound earlier on Sunday, declaring that "we are in charge," while the Israeli Cabinet held a rare meeting in Jerusalem's Old City to celebrate its control of the area. Ben-Gvir's visit drew condemnations from the Palestinians and Israel's neighbor, Jordan.

A former West Bank settler leader and far-right activist who years ago was convicted of incitement and supporting a Jewish terror group, Ben-Gvir now serves as Israel's national security minister, overseeing the country's police force. □

## Fire razes school dormitory in Guyana, killing at least 19 children

By BERT WILKINSON

Associated Press

GEORGETOWN, Guyana

(AP) — A nighttime fire raced through a dormitory in Guyana early Monday, killing at least 19 students and injuring several others at a boarding school catering to remote, mostly Indigenous villages, authorities said.

"This is a horrific incident. It's tragic. It's painful," President Irfaan Ali said, adding that his government was mobilizing all possible resources to care for the children.

The fire broke out shortly before midnight in the dormitory building of a secondary school in the southwestern border town of Mahdia, a gold and diamond min-

ing community about 200 miles (320 kilometers) south of the capital, Georgetown, the government said

in a statement. Officials initially said 20 students were killed but later updated the toll to 19,



**In this photo provided by Guyana's Department of Public Information, the dormitory of a secondary school is burned in Mahdia, Guyana, Monday, May 22, 2023.**

Associated Press

with several others injured. National Security Adviser Gerald Gouveia said the figure was revised after doctors revived a very critical patient that "everyone thought was dead."

"When firefighters arrived on the scene, the building was already completely engulfed in flames," Guyana's Fire Service said in a statement.

"Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the relatives and friends of those young souls."

The department said 14 students died at the scene and five others at a local hospital. Officials said two children remain in critical condition and four have severe injuries. Six students were flown to Georgetown

for treatment, while five others remain at a hospital in Mahdia, with another 10 under observation.

"Firefighters did manage to rescue some 20 students by breaking holes in the northeastern wall of the building," the department said. "Our team is still on the ground investigating as we seek to provide clarity regarding how the fire started and all other necessary information."

The school serves mostly Indigenous children aged 12 through 18, Gouveia said. He said it was too early to speculate what might have caused the fire, adding that heavy thunderstorms in the area posed a challenge to those responding by air. □

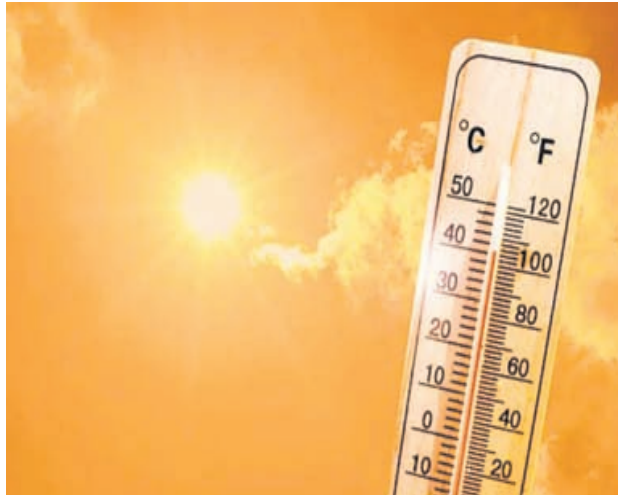


## Health Department issues warning for high temperatures

**ORANJESTAD –** During the past few days, very high temperatures, extreme heat and strong sunlight was noted. For the following days, Aruba will continue experiencing this, which can be dangerous for our health. While it is not possible to combat this natural phenomenon, we can take action to protect ourselves and others and prevent unwanted consequences presented by the extensive heat.

According to the Health Department of Aruba, DVG, we are experiencing a heat wave which is having an effect on people and animals. On people it has an effect particularly on those suffering for chronic illness like diabetes, high blood pressure or asthma, but also those working outside in work that is physically demanding. Other groups at risk are elderly people, babies, small children, overweight and obese people. The heat can cause dehydration, heat stroke, high blood pressure, headache, tiredness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, muscle cramps and even a heart attack when a person remains in high temperatures for a long time.

The Department of Public Health advises for the following days to drink plenty of water, at least two liters per day; use sun protection SPF 30 or higher; wear sunglasses, cap or hat, light-



colored clothing preferably made from linen or cotton, and avoid hot beverages and drinks containing caffeine or sugar during the hottest hours, which are between 11am to 2pm.

Children, people with illness and the elderly are the most vulnerable to this heat. It is very important to check on them regularly and help them keep their bodies fresh in order to keep their temperature down, and hydrate them with enough liquids to prevent a possible heatstroke, which is a very delicate condition where the body stops sweating. The body temperature continues raising above 40 degrees Celsius and

this affects the control center that regulates the body temperature in our brain.

Symptoms of a heatstroke are:

- High body temperature in a short time;
- Dry and red face and neck;
- No longer sweating;
- Accelerated heartbeat;
- Headache;
- Confused state of mind and can faint;
- Can begin vomiting or having diarrhea.

What to do in case of a heatstroke

- Find medical assistant right away by calling 911;
- Keep the person calm and in a shaded and cool area;

- Loosen the clothes on their body;
- Cool the body with a wet towel or cloth using cold or tap water;
- Place an icepack under the arms, on the neck, back, on the stomach and/or between the legs;
- If the person is conscious, let them drink lukewarm water.

Please remember to protect yourself from the sun and the heat by staying out of the sun in the hottest hours of 11am-2pm, drink plenty of liquids and wear sun-protecting clothing and SPF!

## Alto Vista chapel and its link to Aruba's origins



**According to Etnia Nativa, in the 18th century most of the inhabitants of Aruba were indigenous who lived on the north coast, one of the largest communities lived in Alto Vista.**

As they were very religious, they had a chief with the name of Antonio Silvester who guided them in the Christian life and it was he who decided to build a stone chapel with a roof of corn rods, which would serve as a place of prayer. In 1750 it was blessed by Father Algamesi who came from Coro-Venezuela and appointed Domingo Antonio Silvester as the island's first prosecutor in the name of the Spanish crown and Rome. In 1752 the prosecution passed into the hands of Antonio Silvester's son-in-law, Miguel Álvarez, who con-

tinued to guide the parishioners in their prayers.

According to the book, The History of Alto Vista by R.H. Nooyen, it is not known when Domingo Antonio Silvester came to Aruba from Venezuela. The elders believe Antonio was a Spaniard. In 1780, father Joseph Antonio de la Vegal called Bernardino Silvester, one of Antonio's sons with his wife Anna Cathalina Tromp, "neighbors and naturals of the island Aruba" and thus they became natives.

At the end of the eighteen century many inhabitants the island died as a result of the black fever epidemic and since people believed that the Alto Vista area was the most infected, they began to build their homes further south within the

Noord area, so the town of Noord began to grow into a community till getting its own Church. However religious festivals continued to be celebrated at this sacred native place, with the custom of arriving in procession to Alto Vista.

Two-hundred years after the beautiful time of Alto Vista, people can no longer see much of the town of Alto Vista from 1750. With a lot of work they found the old foundations of the Church of the Queen of the Holiest Rosary to build a new chapel on the same place. The entire surrounding area was empty and desolated, making it hard to imagine that Alto Vista was a town at all. A hundred years later, people can see the remains of around twenty houses, some made of stone and others of clay. Nowadays, only around six of these houses remain.

South of the chapel in the yard two graves can be observed, there was the cemetery which father Pablo de Algamesi blessed. It is not certain, but it is believed that the two graves belong to Antonio Silvester and Miguel Alvares, according to Nooyen. About 50 meters near the chapel there are still the markings of an old house, where Antonio and Bernardino Silvester would have lived. About 200

meters from the chapel there is a water tank which the locals call Tanki Cacique. In the past this tank was closed. But mostly water was brought out from the Poz di Noord, a well dug in the sand.

The chapel can be viewed from basically any point in the north side, even from Paradera and Sero Plat. All the historical remains around the chapel provide us with an idea on how the old people of Alto Vista used to live. Don't miss the opportunity to visit a place of historical significance with a window to Aruba's past.





# LOCAL



## Super Kids Tri-Series has a successful Triathlon



**Oranjestad -** On Saturday the 20th of May, early in the morning kids and teens from 6 to 17 years of age arrived at Rodgers Beach full of excitement to participate and compete in the third event of the Super



**Kids Tri-Series, which was a Triathlon.**

This marked the third event in the Super Kids Tri-Series that Stichting Sportsz 4 U organized in relation to the celebration of their 10th anniversary.

With a lot of enthusiasm the kids put to practice everything they learned in this series that ended this Saturday with a Triathlon.

With loud cheers and applause, parents, grandparents, siblings and friends cheered on the kids. One of the most beautiful aspects witnessed was when the littlest kids were about to give up, the older kids stopped to run alongside them and help them get to the finish line. Even parents, siblings and friends would run along the kids to cheer them on and motivate them during the last 100 meter sprint. It was beau-



tiful to see the kids doing their best and showcasing everything they learned.

On top of learning about Aquathlon, Duathlon and Triathlon they also learned about sportsmanship and never giving up. No matter how tired you are, keep going and cross the finish line. It was a successful morning that will not be the last one. The preparations have already started for next year and when the Super Kids



Tri-Series will continue with its second edition.

Some of these kids will be competing this Saturday at Linear Park in the Kids of Steel competition organized by Aruba Triathlon Association.

Congratulations to Stichting Sportsz 4 U with the first edition of Super Tri-Kids Series and a thank you to all the parents who allowed their kids to participate and cheered them on!

## Fresh fish right out of the Caribbean Sea to your plate

**ORANJESTAD -** Fish restaurants are everywhere, but do they serve fresh fish daily right out of the Caribbean Sea? The Grand Fish Restaurant does. This locally-owned restaurant is situated merely 5 minutes from the strip and is open as early as 11am for the lunch lovers.

The minute you step inside you can feel the homey and cozy warm ambiance by the décor and the friendly staff who will receive you with open arms.

The Grand Fish Restaurant



has an extraordinary menu starting with appetizers, salads and their famous fish soup. The entree dishes consist of a variety of fresh fish like whole red snapper,

fish steak, fish cake, grilled salmon, mixed seafood or seafood rice (paella local style) combined with sides of vegetables, french fries, rice, plantain, the island's traditional 'pan bati' (slapped bread) or funchi (cornmeal cake).

Each and every dish is made with passion, love and dedication. Yes... even the fried ones! There are also pasta, meat and poultry options plus a kid-friendly menu with crispy chicken or fish nug-

gets, cheese burgers, mac & cheese and kid tenderloin.

Pair your meal with your favorite drink or cocktail, a wine of your choice or a glass of The Grand Fish yummy homemade fresh lemonade.

If you haven't visited The Grand Fish yet, check out our local page for a cou-

pon for a free glass of wine and make sure to drop by. The staff will be happy to welcome, guide and serve you for an amazing casual bite and good time.

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## Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently recognized Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. Presenting the Ambassadors with the Goodwill certificate as a token of appreciation.

The honoring certification program is granted to ambassadors, to recognize, the loyalty, friendships, and visits to Aruba. For consecutively choosing Aruba as their preferred vacation destination each year. The Honoring certification program has three levels, which are divided according to the number of consecutive years visiting the island of Aruba.

Honoring Levels:  
Distinguished Ambassadors: 10> years  
Goodwill Ambassadors: 20> years  
Emerald Ambassadors: 35> years  
Honoree were:  
Goodwill Ambassadors 20> years:



Thomas & Maryann Langone residents of Pennsylvania, United States (have been visiting Aruba for 20 years consecutively).

Ms. Olga Ruiz representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and members of Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort bestowed the certification of the Ambassadors of Aruba. The honorees were presented with the official certificate, and with memorable gifts.

On behalf of the Govern-

ment of Aruba, we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all the

Ambassadors for making Aruba their preferred vacation destination for so many

years. We are so thankful to have had such wonderful Ambassadors as our visitors after all these years! Aruba is unquestionably their home away from home!

According to Honorees these are the top reasons for returning to Aruba:

Mr. & Mrs. Langone reasons:

Beautiful Beaches, Great Weather, Friendly People, Friends that have become family, Beautiful Country.



**Aruba Today is delighted to share to its readers a new segment called "Beauty and the Beach", where we take a minute to honor our guests who have decided to spend their vacation on our beautiful and warm island.**

In this edition, we'd like to give a shout out to **Jackie and Cayla from New York**. They commented on the beauty of the island and the friendly people. Aruba is always proud to host all families and guests. We at Aruba Today encourage any visitor of the island to send in their pictures and/or messages; who knows? You might get on the cover!

*This segment is sponsored by Alhambra Casino and Shops.*



## Exploring the Mainstreet of San Nicolas

**SAN NICOLAS—** At Just 11 miles southeast from Oranjestad you will enter the city San Nicolas, also known as Sunrise City or Chocolate City. A city that is rich in authentic culture and island charm. San Nicolas is Aruba's second largest city and was once a bustling company town dominated by the oil industry since the early 1930's.

Over the course of four decades, its demographics had changed immensely due to a stream of Afro-Caribbean and South American workers who came to fill the jobs in the oil refinery between the 1920's

gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and the tourism industries which made San Nicolas once a bustling business center. Experience the touching stories of those who were part of this history.

**Nicolaas Store** built in 1940 and renovated in 2014 is the home of the Community Museum. The collection is remarkable and spans millennia. Ancient fossils stand next to tableaus of an authentically recreated colonial kitchen and bedroom and 19th-century barbershop, just to name a few of the items of old-time Aruba that has



until the 1960's. To this day traces of the multicultural influences in culinary offerings and customs, housing and population are clearly visible in San Nicolas - more than anywhere else on the island.

### Flow of history

if you are looking for history San Nicolas has it. Here you will find three amazing museums, The Museum of Industry, the Community Museum and the Carnival Euphoria, all within walking distance from one another.

**The Museum of Industry** is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. Here you will learn about

been preserved. A collection of artifacts and other objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific importance can be found here for the purpose of education or enjoyment.

Carnival Euphoria is showcasing Aruba's Carnival. See how are Carnival has developed over the past 65 years. The new San Nicolas

In the shadow of the refinery, an art capital is quietly beginning to grow. This is the new San Nicolas, a place that is starting to become a magnet for all that is young, cool and hip in Aruba. Indeed, San Nicolas has all of the ingredients of an emerging cultural hub — varied history, interesting archi-



tecture, and, perhaps most importantly, an urban layout that makes it walkable. As you walk around, the streets are silent but the walls are loud, filled with bright, colorful murals painted by a collection of artists from around the world. Thanks to the efforts of various art organizations in Aruba, such as Art Rules Aruba and Aruba Art Fair, San Nicolas has had quite the aesthetic makeover with regards to vibrant street art. Each year more and more stunning murals are replacing broken down buildings with colorful art pieces that keep brightening up SunriseCity.

### Must See, Do, Buy & Eat

A little bit of everything can be found in the main street. Stores selling shoes, clothing, jewelry you name it. Arts & crafts by Cosecha store & Creative Center, a design store in which you can immerse yourself in discovering genuine and locally made arts and crafts which reflect the diversification of the Aruban craft heritage and the artistic supply of artisans. Don't miss out on trying the exquisite food offered by the cafes and restaurants or just enjoy a peaceful walk admiring the murals, mosaic benches and all the history San Nicolas has to offer. □





## Meals On Wheels program in Aruba is celebrating 54 years

**ORANJESTAD –** The Meals On Wheels program in Aruba, sponsored by the Aruba Methodist Circuit, has been going on for 54 years. They have served many people who are shut-ins, elderly, and families that are unable to provide food for their families.

Doctors and social workers provide the names of people to be eligible for the program, to ensure that the people needing help are not already being helped by other organizations. Two hot meals are delivered weekly, on Tuesdays and Fridays, all freshly-cooked food, cooked for the day of delivery. Food is prepared in the John Wesley Auditorium in San Nicolas, which is owned by the Aruba Methodist Circuit.



To this date, the program serves 80 people and has a waiting list.

They are in need of more funds and more workers to donate their time so that they can cover a larger area. They also would like to have another location in Oranjestad to prepare and

deliver food. Of course, more money is needed to provide more service to people in need.

The program takes donations year round, but for the past two years, they have held Silent Auctions put on by the Aruba Methodist Cir-

cuit to raise money for the program. The Aruba Methodist Foundation supports Meals on Wheels when they are low on funds and in this way they have survived through the pandemic and other challenges.

Meals on Wheels had a van to make deliveries years ago, but it got so old that they started using the van from the church. That became a problem with age. This year, thanks to the two Silent Auctions and Food Extravanzas of 2021 and 2022, that were supported by many generous businesses in Aruba, they were able to purchase a used minivan, something for which they feel blessed. As they continue to serve the people of Aruba, they plead for support.

The bank account for Meals on Wheels is in the Aruba Methodist Church Circuit account, which includes Meals on Wheels and Bus (the bus is used to deliver food. All funds are audited yearly, and accounts are updated every six months. Aruba Bank Account Nr. 2019966.

For any information on Meals on Wheels, please contact Valerie Connor at 297 5628322 or e-mail valerieconnor@setarnet.com.

The next Silent Auction and Food Extravanza will be held on Saturday November 25, 2023, from 4:30 to 8pm at Club Caiquetio. For more information please contact Edith Geerman at 297 5636855.

## Join the third annual Aruba Animal Rescue Mission



**ORANJESTAD –** Now you can join a once in a lifetime volunteercation, where you will spend four half days with local animal rescues on the beautiful island of Aruba! There will be plenty of time for fun and sun including our 'Welcome Happy Hour' and the 'Farewell Sunset Sail' on your final evening.

This trip is organized by Wanderlust Jetsetter. Must be 18+ and physically capable of walking and standing for long periods of time as well as lifting up to 20lbs to participate!

Airfare not included in packages, it is your responsibility to obtain air for Sept 12th 2023 arrival at AUA airport and Sept 17th 2023 departure. You must be able to travel the full length of stay; partial stays are not permitted for this event.

Take part in fundraising in your home town prior to the event, by raising funds via our communal GoFundMe Link and obtaining supplies to bring with you to Aruba for the various rescues.

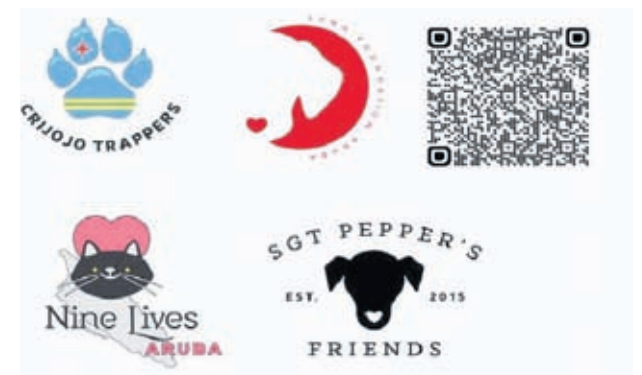
Free cancellation now through May 31st 2023. June 1st 2023 and beyond this trip is non-refundable.

All proceeds go directly towards accommodations and events happening for this rescue mission, no profits are made from WANDERLUST JETSETTER LLC from this event.

Accommodations provided by: Radisson Blu Aruba, located in Palm Beach.

Should you want to extend your stay, please reach out to [rescuemission@wanderlustjetsetter.com](mailto:rescuemission@wanderlustjetsetter.com) to discuss options. Follow the link or scan the QRcode to join!

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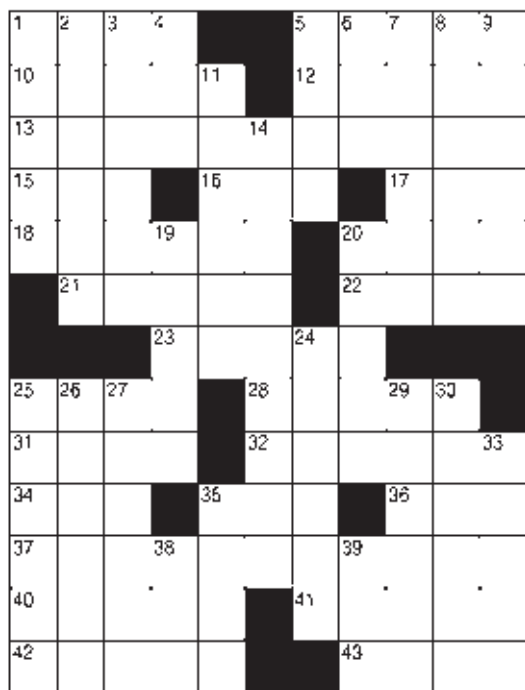
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5-23 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: FOOD IS THE GREAT CONNECTOR. AND LAUGHS ARE THE CEMENT. — PHIL ROSENTHAL

## How to set and vet money goals midyear

By KIMBERLY PALMER of NerdWallet

If you set money goals for 2023 back in January, now can be a smart time to check in on your progress. And if you didn't, it's not too late to create goals for the next six months and beyond.

"If you don't have your goals, everyone is so busy with life that a year will whiz by and you'll have forgotten to start," says Dan Casey, owner of Bridgeriver Advisors, a financial firm in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. With many people's money goals hampered by the dual headwinds of inflation and economic uncertainty, it's easy to get discouraged if you haven't made as much progress as you'd hoped. Financial experts offer these five strategies for using the midyear point as a way to get back on track, or to embrace a slightly altered course.

### DEFINE AND REFINED WHAT YOU WANT

Rebecca Eve Selkove, New York City-based accredited financial counselor and owner of the financial counseling firm RebeccaEve.com, urges people to first define what they want their money to accomplish, noting that those goals can shift over time. That discussion can lead to unexpected discoveries, such as realizing what you actually want is not just to pay off debt but to work fewer hours or change jobs.

"Just articulating the goal with that specificity can be enough to start looking at the numbers more deeply," she says.

### DEFINE THE ACTION STEPS

Once you've refined or



In this June 15, 2018 photo, twenty dollar bills are counted in North Andover, Mass.

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established your goals, Selkove says, it's time to come up with a specific plan to achieve them. If you know you need a certain down payment to buy the home you want, then you can create a budget and start setting aside money each month in a high-yield online savings account, for example.

Valerie Rivera, certified financial planner and founder of FirstGen Wealth, a virtual financial planning firm in Chicago, suggests setting a timeline, too. "We make a spending worksheet because a lot of people don't know where their money goes. That gives you accountability," she says. Opening a separate savings account for each specific goal can also help, says Keith Spencer, CFP and owner of Spencer Financial Planning in Spokane, Washington. "Whether it's saving for a home improvement, vacation or wanting to pay off the mortgage sooner, I find it helpful to set up a dedicated account for that so it's more tangible," he says, adding that clients can more easily watch the money saved grow over time and track progress.

### SCHEDULE RECURRING CHECK-INS

In addition to the midyear check-in, Casey suggests making quarterly or even monthly check-ins for yourself. "We get overwhelmed thinking about the whole year, so create micro-timelines instead," he suggests. You could set a mini-goal for what you want to have saved by the end of the month or quarter, for example. Then, you can make adjustments to catch up to your bigger goal if you fall behind or find you have the flexibility to increase your savings rate. "You can even automate the savings so it's out of sight, out of mind," he adds.

### FOLLOW UP WITH AN ACCOUNTABILITY BUDDY

Sharing your goals with a friend, coach or financial professional who can help keep you on track can be a natural way to find some extra motivation, Rivera says. "It needs to be someone you would feel a little uncomfortable with if you had to cancel or not give them an update," she says. A partner can also serve as an accountability buddy, especially if you are working on goals together.

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## 'SmartLess' podcast goes on tour with Will Arnett, Jason Bateman and Sean Hayes, ends up on TV

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — When Jason Bateman, Will Arnett and Sean Hayes get together, they can instantly tell if something's wrong: If insults don't immediately fly, there's a problem.

"I think it is our love language," says Arnett, the "Arrested Development" star and voice of Batman in the "Lego Movie" franchise. "I'm kind of joking, but there's a little truth to that. If we're not making fun of you, we don't love you."

Fans of the trio's banter will get much more this week after a documentary film team captured them on tour taking their popular podcast "SmartLess" to stages in Boston, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and more.

The six-part docuseries "SmartLess: On the Road" offers a very intimate look at the three friends as they travel, hang out and prepare for the live shows. It premieres Tuesday on Max. "It was really just about living with one another," says Bateman, star of "Arrested Development" and "Ozarks." "And it's a fairly cringey assumption for us to make that it would make for entertainment."

While their guests include Conan O'Brien, Will Ferrell, Matt Damon, Jimmy Kim-



This image released by Max shows Jason Bateman, Will Arnett and Sean Hayes in a scene from the six-part docuseries "SmartLess: On the Road."

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mel, Kevin Hart, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and David Letterman, the bulk of the series is a look at how Arnett, Bateman and Hayes manage to dunk on each other and yet maintain a sibling love.

"The three of us are incredibly close. I would dare say we are best friends. And with that comes a deep knowledge of where the rails are. I think we all know if we ever really wanted to hurt each other, we know where to go. But that's not really in our makeup," says Bateman.

Cameras capture the trio exercising together, visiting the Lincoln Memorial, exploring the connection between pooping and showering, whipping apple cores at each other and

talking with their guests. Before they go onstage, they pop Tylenol, Gas-X and candy.

Directed by Sam Jones, the series is presented in black and white, with a upbeat piano soundtrack. The original idea was to have the live shows in color and the behind-the-scenes footage in black and white, but that was too jarring. The final result is, as Hayes puts it: "Classy for the classless clowns in it."

In the hotel gym in Boston, as Bateman steadily runs on a treadmill, Arnett uses his husky voice to offer narration: "No one knows his secret, that underneath the artificial flesh and bone, he is machine. Nothing but machine." Later, Bateman jokes on Arnett's use of the

sauna: "I'd like to sweat, but I don't want to exert to cause it. Let me just sit in a hot room."

On the podcast "SmartLess," which premiered in July 2020, one of the hosts reveals the mystery guest to the other two and the guys kept that same format on tour. The podcast consistently ranks in the Top 5 Comedy Shows and Top 10 on overall shows on iTunes. The episodes show the trio wondering how much they should acknowledge the audience or what they need to do to make it visually exciting. A rocky second show in Boston with a physicist as the guest teaches them that fans really want A-list celebs.

"I love the figuring it out in real time. I love the thrill of that, the fear of that," says Hayes, the "Will & Grace" star who just earned his second Tony Award nomination. "Each one of us all had a strong opinion at some point, and we're all adult enough to listen to that. That was fun for me." Final approval on their podcast goes to the special guest, but with the documentary, they reserved the right for final cut. They said that made it more liberating since they didn't have to pre-censor anything they did. "We knew that everything was safe to say because ultimately we'd be

able to see it assembled," says Bateman. "So we were able to just be really free and see what would float to the top."

Getting used to the cameras even though they're all showbusiness veterans took some time. "I didn't think I'd ever be able to accept them in the room, and I did. They kind of just went away," says Hayes. □

Fans will get very intimate with the men, including learning that Bateman wears a size 12 shoe and that they have a habit of making reservations under the false name, Mr. D Um-guy. But a conversation on the way to Chicago is quite revealing as they explore the roots of their insecurities and upbringings.

Frequently, the friends spend time on food — ordering room service, talking about meals, worried about bloating and ripping on each others' orders. After making one extensive room service order, Bateman asks the kitchen: "You don't have any chest paddles down there, do you?"

"The jabbing is the love," says Hayes. "Till the day I die, I'll consider Jason and Will my brothers. And if there's even a word that means closer than that, that's what I feel they are."

## Novelist James Patterson, journalist Vicky Ward plan book on killing of Idaho college students

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Best-selling novelist James Patterson is teaming up with investigative journalist Vicky Ward on a book about the 2022 killing of four University of Idaho students.

Little, Brown and Company announced Friday that Patterson and Ward will "draw from dozens of exclusive interviews, extensive on-the-ground reporting, copious court transcripts" and their own planned attendance at the trial of suspect Bryan

Kohberger, who was indicted this week by a grand jury in Boise.

Kohberger is accused of killing Xana Kernodle, Ethan Chapin, Madison Mogen and Kaylee Goncalves at a rental home in Moscow, Idaho, near the University of Idaho campus. He has been charged with burglary and four counts of first-degree murder.

"The Idaho murders have captured imaginations all around the world and I'm

as caught up in it as anyone else. Because all of this happened in such a small town, there are definitely echoes of 'In Cold Blood,'" Patterson said in a statement. He is one of the world's most prolific and popular novelists, but also has worked on nonfiction books, with subjects ranging from Princess Diana to Jeffrey Epstein.

The book on the Idaho killings does not yet have a title or release date. □



Author James Patterson poses for a portrait in New York on Aug. 30, 2016.

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# Carmelo Anthony retires from NBA, after 19-year career

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Carmelo Anthony, the star forward who led Syracuse to an NCAA championship in his lone college season and went on to spend 19 years in the NBA, announced his retirement on Monday.

Anthony, who was not in the NBA this season, retires as the No. 9 scorer in league history.

Only LeBron James, Ka-

reem Abdul-Jabbar, Karl Malone, Kobe Bryant, Michael Jordan, Dirk Nowitzki, Wilt Chamberlain and Shaquille O'Neal scored more than Anthony — who finishes his career with 28,289 points.

"Now the time has come for me to say good-bye ... to the game that gave me purpose and pride," Anthony said in a videotaped message announcing his decision one he called

"bittersweet."

Anthony's legacy has long been secure: He ends his playing days after being selected as one of the 75 greatest players in NBA history, a 10-time All-Star, a past scoring champion and a six-time All-NBA selection. And while he never got to the NBA Finals he only played in the conference finals once, with Denver against the eventual champion Los Angeles Lakers in 2009. Anthony also knew what it was like to be a champion.

He was the Most Outstanding Player of the 2003 Final Four when he led Syracuse to the national championship, and he helped USA Basketball win Olympic gold three times — at Beijing in 2008, at London in 2012 and at Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

Anthony has played in 31 games in four appearances at the Olympics, the most of any U.S. men's player ever. Anthony's 37 points against Nigeria in the 2012 games is a USA Basketball men's record

at an Olympics, as are his 10 3-pointers from that game and his 13-for-13 effort from the foul line against Argentina in 2008.

"Carmelo Anthony is one of the NBA's all-time great players and ambassadors," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "We congratulate him on a remarkable 19-year career and look forward to seeing him in the Hall of Fame."

Anthony will remain part of international basketball for at least a few more months; Anthony is one of the ambassadors to the Basketball World Cup, FIBA's biggest event, which will be held this summer in the Philippines, Japan and Indonesia.

"I remember the days when I had nothing, just a ball on the court and a dream of something more," Anthony said. "But basketball was my outlet. My purpose was strong, my communities, the cities I represented with pride and the fans that supported me along the way. I am forever grateful for those people and places

because they made me Carmelo Anthony."

Anthony was drafted No. 3 overall by Denver in 2003, part of the star-studded class that included James at No. 1, Hall of Famer Chris Bosh at No. 4, and soon-to-be Hall of Famer Dwyane Wade — he gets officially enshrined this summer — at No. 5.

Anthony will join them at the Hall of Fame before long. He averaged 22.5 points in his 19 seasons, spending the bulk of those years with Denver and the New York Knicks. Anthony has long raved about his time with the Knicks, and what it was like playing at Madison Square Garden, especially as a kid who was born in Brooklyn.

"The Garden," Anthony said in 2014. "They call it The Mecca for a reason."

Anthony also played for Portland, Oklahoma City, Houston and ended his career with the Lakers last season. He went unsigned this year, and now his retirement is official.



Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony looks up from the floor after getting called for a foul in the fourth quarter of game 3 of the NBA Western Conference playoff series against the San Antonio Spurs in Denver on April 28, 2007.

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# Alcaraz jumps Djokovic, returns to No. 1 in ATP rankings

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Carlos Alcaraz replaced Novak Djokovic at No. 1 in the ATP rankings on Monday, earning the top seeding at the French Open, and Daniil Medvedev's Italian Open title moved him up to No. 2 ahead of the year's second Grand Slam tournament.

Djokovic's loss in the fourth round as the defending champion in Rome dropped him to No. 3. That means he and Alcaraz could end up in the same half of the Roland Garros bracket and be set up for a potential semifinal showdown, depending on what happens in Thursday's draw in Paris.

The French Open, which begins on Sunday, will mark the first chance to be seeded No. 1 at a major tournament for Alcaraz, a

Spaniard who turned 20 this month. He is 30-3 with four titles in 2023.

Alcaraz ascended to the ATP's top spot for the first time by winning the U.S. Open last September and, at 19, became the youngest man to finish a year there. But a leg injury kept him out of the Australian Open in January, when Djokovic won the title for his 22nd at a Slam event, tying Rafael Nadal for the men's record.

Djokovic has spent more weeks at No. 1 than any one man or woman in the history of the sport's computerized rankings.

Iga Swiatek, the defending champion in Paris, remained at No. 1 in the WTA rankings, which she has led for more than a year, followed by No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka, the Australian Open champion.

Swiatek stopped playing in the third set of her quarter-final in Rome against reigning Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina because of a hurt right thigh. Swiatek said afterward the problem "shouldn't be anything serious."

Rybakina's trophy at the Italian Open allowed her to jump two places to a career-best No. 4 on Monday. She is not higher than that because her title at the All England Club did not come with the benefit of any rankings boost after both the WTA and ATP withheld all points that would have been earned there last year to protest a ban on Russian and Belarusian players over the invasion of Ukraine.

Jessica Pegula remained at No. 3 on Monday, with WTA Finals champion Caroline Garcia at No. 5 and

2022 French Open runner-up Coco Gauff at No. 6.

Casper Ruud, last year's runner-up to Rafael Nadal at the French Open and to Alcaraz at the U.S. Open, stayed at No. 4 in the ATP rankings, followed by Stefanos Tsitsipas at No. 5 and Holger Rune at a career-best No. 6. Rune eliminated Djokovic in Rome before losing to Medvedev in the

final there on Sunday.

That marked Medvedev's 20th career ATP title and first on clay courts. Nadal, who has 14 of his 22 major trophies at Roland Garros, announced last week he would be sitting out the French Open with a lingering left hip flexor injury. He has never missed that tournament since making his debut there in 2005.



Carlos Alcaraz reacts after winning a point to Fabian Marozsan at the Italian Open tennis tournament, in Rome, Monday, May 15, 2023.

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## Young Indiana Fever focusing on present during 20-game skid

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Indiana Fever are just focusing on this season and not dwelling on the past. Indiana (0-2) lost its 20th consecutive game dating to last year with Sunday's 90-73 loss to New York. That tied the Tulsa Shock for the longest losing skid in WNBA history. Indiana also owns the third-longest losing streak.

"We poured our mess out in our first team meeting," Indiana first-year head coach Christie Sides said. "We're not talking about last year. We've got to figure out how to find that win." Indiana hopes that victory comes next Sunday in its next game when the Fever visit Atlanta.

"(We're) 0-2. That's all that matters," Fever guard Kelsey Mitchell said. "I can't help what history says. (Stinks) to be a part of it. I feel we are in transition and changing and I do my best to lean on that." Mitchell was part of the



Indiana Fever's Aliyah Boston (7) goes to the basket against Connecticut Sun's Courtney Williams (10) during the second half of a WNBA basketball game Friday, May 19, 2023, in Indianapolis.

team last season that lost its final 18 games. She already feels a shift in the organization.

"Culture has been big for our program and organization," she said. "I think from an internal standpoint, we've changed in such a positive way."

With nine first- and second-year players on the roster, including No. 1 pick Aliyah Boston, the Fever are excited for the future. Boston, who had a tremendous amount of success in college playing for Dawn Staley at South Carolina, had 15 points in Sunday's loss.

"I'd say there is nothing but positivity around here right now," said Fever second-year forward NaLyssa Smith, who had 16 points and 12 rebounds Sunday. "Everyone is excited for our future."

While the team knows the future is bright, Sides wasn't

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happy with the present. Indiana got off to another slow start for a third straight game.

The Fever trailed New York by 22 after one quarter. That came after Indiana was down by nine at the end of the first quarter against Connecticut in the opener Friday. Indiana also struggled in a preseason game against Dallas, getting off to a slow start as well.

"This is our third straight start where we got off to a bad start in the first quarter," Sides said. "We can't keep digging ourselves a hole in the first quarter."

Sides also wasn't happy with the defensive effort of her team.

"If you can't play defense you can't play for the Fever," she said. "At this point, we've got to establish our defense at the defensive end of the court. That's what we're going to do and there's going to be five people that are gonna play in the game that can do that." □

## NFL approves emergency 3rd QB after 49ers' injury woes in NFC title game

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**  
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**EAGAN, Minn. (AP)** — NFL owners approved a rule change Monday that allows teams to play an emergency quarterback from the inactive list if the first two are injured during a game, a decision that stems from San Francisco's depth-chart challenge in the NFC championship game. The bylaw was initially proposed by the Detroit Lions. The third quarterback designation will not count against the limit of active players either 47 or 48 that is determined 90 minutes before kickoff.

The emergency activation can only occur after injury or disqualification, not for a performance-related decision or other conduct. If either of the first two quarterbacks are cleared by

the team's medical staff to return to play, the third must be removed from the game and can only return as a quarterback if an injury scenario arises again.

If a team puts three quarterbacks on the active list

for a game, it can't use the emergency option. Game-day practice squad elevations are not eligible, either. The 49ers had running back Christian McCaffery warming up his arm in the NFC championship game in Philadelphia, after Brock Purdy

injured his elbow and Josh Johnson suffered a concussion. Purdy was forced back into the game but unable to throw the ball more than 10 yards as the 49ers scrapped their game plan for a run-heavy attack in their 31-7 loss to the Eagles on Jan. 29.

The 49ers had already lost their top two quarterbacks Trey Lance in Week 2 and Jimmy Garoppolo in Week 13 to season-ending injuries.

League owners convened in Minnesota on Monday for their spring meetings, with the pending sale of the Washington Commanders from Dan Snyder's family to Josh Harris' group remaining a prominent if not pressing issue. No vote on the record \$6.05 billion transaction will occur this week.

"There's certain criteria that has to be met, and that's just the way it is. It's not there yet, but it doesn't mean that it can't get there. It's complicated. Put it that way. I could explain it to you, and it wouldn't tell you anything," said Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay, a member of the league finance committee. Neither Snyder nor his wife, Tanya, came to Minnesota for the meeting. The league's preference, Irsay said, is to have the deal approved prior to the start of the regular season. Irsay indicated the amount of money at stake and the amount of investors involved in Harris' group which includes National Basketball Hall of Famer Magic Johnson has lengthened the approval process.



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Brock Purdy walks on the field after the NFC Championship NFL football game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, in Philadelphia.